

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Gentlemen,

I present the report for the year ending 31st December, 1948.

STATISTICS.

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Area				2342 acres			
Population				3580			
Inhabited houses				987			
Rateable Value				£16,638			
Product of ld. Rate				264			
		M	F	Total	Rate per 1000	Rate for England	
BIRTHS..	32	29	61		18	17.9	
Stillbirths	1	1	2		.59	.42	
DEATHS	17	21	38		11.2	10.8	
under 1 year		1	1		16.5	34 (per 1000 live births)	

CAUSES OF DEATH.

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Tuberculosis	1	-	Digestive	1	1
Cancer	3	4	Nephritis	-	1
Apoplexy	-	3	Congenital causes	-	1
Heart	6	4	Road Traffic	1	-
Other circulatory	1	5	Other violence	-	1
Respiratory	2	-	Other causes	2	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Whooping Cough	37
Measles	25
Scarlet fever	5
Pneumonia	6
Erysipelas	5
	78

Infectious disease incidence, 22 per 1000. The measles is low compared with a closely neighbouring district.

TUBERCULOSIS.

3 new cases were notified, two pulmonary males, aged 32 and 43; one non-pulmonary female, aged 7.
1 death occurred, a pulmonary male of 43.
22 cases remain on the register. Notification of all infectious disease is satisfactory.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Under five years	48.9 %	of the child popln.
All under 14.	66.8 %	" "
"Booster" doses given	10	

MILK.

No new licences were granted.

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HOUSING.

I should like to emphasise the need to expedite the new housing programme. More of the letters of complaint I receive deal with this than with anything else. I have inspected several individual houses and temporary structures such as bungalows and P.O.W. Huts and in all cases I find defects in the amenities sufficient to cause the complaints and to affect the physical or psychological health of those living in them.

52 houses were built by the Council.
Private enterprise None.
Programme for 1949, by Council 32.

WATER.

Tested from supply, bacteriologically quarterly, chemically half yearly. No bad samples and no shortage reported in the year. 90% of the houses have a piped in supply and 5% stand pipes.

SEWERAGE.

No fresh sewer mains have been laid, but the public enquiry into the proposed reconstruction of the existing sewerage works was held on 15th February and it is anticipated work will commence during 1949.

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